

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A printing method for printing an image on a sheet printing medium using a page wide printing head and a transporting device which provides relative movement between the sheet printing media and a first print head, the method comprising,  
presenting a series of sheet printing media to the first print head for printing in sequence,  
printing with the first print head a first sub-image of at least one set of monochromatic mutually interstitially printed sub-images of a first image onto a first sheet of printing medium of the series in one pass,  
printing in succession a sub-image of an image on each remaining one of the series of sheet printing media followed by printing a further sub-image of the at least one set of monochromatic mutually interstitially printed sub-images of the first image onto the first sheet printing medium.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the number of sub-images and the sequence of printing of the sub-images are independently settable.
3. (original) The method according to claim 1 , wherein the print head is elongate having a longitudinal axis, further comprising the step of moving the print head along its longitudinal axis after a printing pass.
4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein there are a plurality of print heads and different sub-images of an image are printed ~~on~~ by different print heads.
5. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein there are a plurality of print heads, further comprising the step of printing

a different colour with each print head.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the series of sheet printing media on the transporting device.
7. (original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the transporting device stores  $S + 1$  sheets of printing media where  $S$  is the number of sub-images to be printed to complete printing of the first image.
8. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the printing steps are non-contact printing steps.
9. (original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the printing steps are ink jet printing steps.